

Kemper Teacherage.

In the summer of 1919 the Kemper school district voted on a 6 mill levy and purchased an old unfinished dilapidated residence in front of the school building and transformed it into the most attractive looking teacherage in Dillon County. It has been painted on the outside, and three rooms and the pantry celled. At present the house looks as if it were newly built. It is a large six room house, (fireplace in each room) with pantry, large hallway and a porch extending over half way around the house. A sitting room and bed room have been furnished by the school. This is the best equipped teacherage in the county, but still it lacks a great many conveniences.

Kemper School.

Five years ago Kemper school building was a small two room house. Since that time it has been remodelled twice and painted inside and outside. It is now an attractive, well ventilated building.

About three years ago a music room and one cloak room were added. The following year a room for the primary department and two cloak rooms were built. The primary room is 28x31 1-2 ft, with forty six feet of blackboard. It has five large windows. The building is equipped with modern desks and recitation benches.

The rooms are separated by folding doors and can easily be thrown into one large hall for an entertainment. This is an advantage as it saves building an auditorium for the present. In the future should they decide to add another teacher the music room can be used by the higher grades. The building and number of pupils are amply large enough for a four teacher school now.

There is only one district in the county that has voted on more mills for school purposes than Kemper. The tax levy for Kemper district is 39 3-4 mills.

Much credit is due the efficient board of trustees who faithfully use their efforts for the welfare of the school.

Kemper School Improvement Association.

The Kemper School Improvement Association has held nine monthly meetings the past year. It has given two entertainments this year and raised \$186.53. The aim adopted by this association last fall is as follows: To improve the school yard and the yard around the teacherage, to light the school building, to enlarge the library and buy pictures for the school room walls.

Up to the present time the only part of this aim that has been realized is that the yard around the teacherage has been cleaned off. A summer house over the school pump is being planned to be built in the near future. The Association has raised enough money to fully carry out its aim.

Kemper Closing Exercises.

Kemper, a three teacher rural graded school closed a most successful year on May 7th. On the evening of May 6th at 8:30 P. M. the following program was rendered:

Opening and prayer—Rev. A. Finch.

Song—We hope you've brought your smiles along—School Primary Department.

Recitation. Grandpa's spectacles—Elvase Ford.

Dialogue—Five Little Buds—Five Little Girls.

Recitation—My Troubles—Rosalee Robbins.

Recitation—I want a Piece of Calico—Flora Elvington.

Dialogue—Where are you going my Pretty Maid—Lydelle Hayes and Dora Scott.

Recitation—My Horse—Oscar Ford.

Recitation—A Queer Little House—Dora Scott.

Dialogue—What a Little Girl is Good For—Three Little Girls.

Recitation—The Daisy—Larue Sparkmon.

Song—Kentucky Babe—Higher grades.

Recitation—The Lost Doll—Theodosia Hayes.

Recitation. The Lightning change—Augusta Ford.

Dialogue—The Golden Bucket—4 children.

Recitation—Bob's Penny—Flora Elvington.

Recitation—Mary's Opinion of the Baby—Mildred Hayes.

Intermediate and Higher Grades:

Recitation—The Second Table—Ralph Barfield.

Chorus—The Robin Song—Intermediate grades.

Dialogue—Waiting for the train—Higher Grades.

Recitation—Rosa Scott.

Nature Play, Intermediate grades.

Recitation—The Raggedy Man—Sarah, Frances Finch.

Song—Blowing Bubbles—Intermediates.

Dialogue—The Cute Family—Higher Grades.

Closing Song—Vacation Song—School.

Talk—Rev. A. Finch.

Specimens of the Manual Training Drawing and Writing of the first and second grades were on exhibit.

Honor Roll For the Year.

1st grade—Edna Hayes, Mildred Hayes, Odell Bryant, Augusta Ford, E. B. Ford.

2nd grade—Rosalee Robbins, Levi Dew, Eloise Ford, Theodosia Hayes.

3rd grade—Leona Elvington.

4th grade—Elva Hayes.

5th grade—Victoria Bryant.

Perfect Attendance Roll.

2nd grade—Rosalee Robbins.

4th grade—Elva Hayes.

Enrollment for the Year.

Primary Room—girls, 28; Boys, 40; total 68; Intermediate, girls 25; boys, 12; total 37; higher grades, girls 11-64 boys, 15-67, total 126-131.

Manna Ray.



A Student of the New Holly Adult School.

School Improvement Work in Dillon County.

In practically every state the school workers advocate some sort of community organization centering around the school house. Each state has its own name for this organization and pursues its own policies in promoting the work.

In South Carolina this organization has been for years the School Improvement Association, supported as it is by the state legislature and connected as it is with the state department of education, it has had an opportunity to do a type of community work that no other agency does or can possess.

No other county in the state has accomplished more comparatively than Dillon County through the activities of the School Improvement Association. Some of the larger counties have a larger number of local associations and the sum total of their activities show greater results but Dillon is the only county in the state that has a local school improvement organization connected with every school in the county and these 28 local associations in proportion to population and to the number of schools in the county have accomplished more than the local associations in any other county in the state.

The chief reason for the success of these associations has been the fact that in every instance they have set for themselves a definite aim and have worked for the accomplishment of this aim.

The following statement summarizes the several lines of activity of

these associations in Dillon County and their accomplishments.

The County Federation of Clubs is composed largely of School Improvement Associations, the support of these associations enabled the county federation to advocate a county nurse for the schools of this county.

Further the School Improvement Associations supported the movement to secure septic tanks for sewerage disposal in every school in the county.

Through the activities and interest of these associations libraries and supplementary readers have been secured for every school, some improvement has been made to all school grounds and some play ground equipment added, pianos have been placed in every school but one, cooking equipment for teaching domestic science has been added to thirteen schools.

During the incumbency of the present president the following amounts have been raised by the associations and spent for school betterment.

1916-17, \$1000.00; 1917-18, \$2500.21; 1918-19, \$3212.43; 1919-20, \$6,057.66.

The Executive Committee of the Association has awarded to the schools of Dillon County the following prizes for the splendid work shown.

1916-17, \$100 as a County Prize to the County doing the best improvement work, \$50 to the school making the best showing awarded to Dothan, \$25 to Minton and \$25 to Bermuda for next greatest improvement. Total \$200.

1917-18, Building Prize \$50 Floydale; for raising the greatest amount of money in the county, Fork; to the County for the best showing in improvement work \$25; to each association holding and reporting twelve monthly meetings, \$5; these being Bingham, Carolina, Dothan, High Hill, Kemper, Little Rock, Minton. Total \$120.

1918-19 Building Prize \$50 each to Hamer-Kentire, Hillsboro, Sellers, for raising the most money in the county, Pleasant Hill \$10; for holding and reporting regular monthly meetings \$5 each to Little Rock, Minton, Dillon, Dothan, New Holly, Hamer-Kentire, Union, Floydale, Latta, Oak Grove Sellers. Total, \$215.

1919-20, The Major Prize for Health and Sanitation for the best showing in the entire state, \$50 to Dalcho.

\$10 for Growth, up-keep, efficiency and depositing the greatest amount of money; \$5 to each association holding and reporting twelve regular monthly meetings, Carolina, Oakland, Minton, Little Rock Hamer, Floydale, Dalcho, Oak Grove High Hill, Fork, Sellers, Pleasant Hill Total \$135.00.

Madeleine Spigener.

President South Carolina School Improvement Association.

In the fall, the school clubs in Dillon County take a definite aim for their efforts, thus stressing the material side of such organizations. In this way much equipment has been added and added in such a way that it brought about community spirit and interest in the undertaking. These aims are reported at the Fall meeting of the Dillon County Federation of Women's Clubs, the results of the aims at the Spring meeting. The following are the aims that were taken for the year 1919-1920:

Pee Dee School Improvement Association—The purchase of single desks.

Carolina School Improvement Association—Beautify school grounds and the purchase of play ground equipment.

Hamer School Improvement Association—Beautify school grounds, purchase of equipment.

Little Rock School Improvement Association—Beautify school grounds purchase of play ground equipment.

Oakland School Improvement Association—Purchase of auditorium seats for new building.

Dothan School Improvement Association—Beautify school grounds.

New Holly School Improvement Association—Build flue for Domestic Science room, purchase of globes, maps and shades.

Dillon Parent Teacher Association—Remodel school auditorium.

Dillon Community Club—Purchase piano.

Association—Beautify school grounds.

Bingham School Improvement Association—Purchase piano.

Hamer-Kentire School Improve-

ment Association—Beautify school grounds.

Union School Improvement Association—Purchase of oil stove, library books, and the boring of an artesian well.

Lake View School Improvement Association—Purchase more school equipment.

Mt. Calvary School Improvement Association—Purchase piano, D.aper Shades.

Kemper School Improvement Association—Beautify school grounds, purchase pictures, globe lamps, books.

Bermuda School Improvement Association—Purchase lamps, globe, single desks.

Manning School Improvement Association—Purchase single desks.

Floydale School Improvement Association—Furnish the fourth school room.

Latta Parent Teacher Association—Improve school grounds.

Sardis School Improvement Association—Purchase of more equipment.

Dalcho School Improvement Association—Beautify school grounds, purchase of more school equipment.

Oak Grove School Improvement Association—Purchase Draper Shades for new building.

Hillsboro School Improvement Association—Beautify school grounds.

High Hill School Improvement Association—Purchase piano.

Pleasant Hill School Improvement Association—More furniture for teachers' home, play ground equipment.

Fork School Improvement Association—Remodel school building, beautify school grounds.

Sellers School Improvement Association—Purchase piano.

Five hundred and sixty one women are enrolled in these clubs. Two hundred and six meetings were held during the past year.

Mt. Calvary School Improvement Association has made many improvements during the past scholastic year which have proved advantageous.

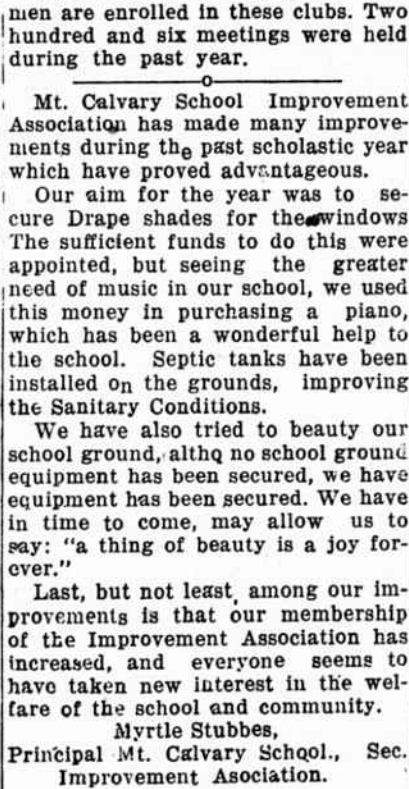
Our aim for the year was to secure Drape shades for the windows. The sufficient funds to do this were appointed, but seeing the greater need of music in our school, we used this money in purchasing a piano, which has been a wonderful help to the school. Septic tanks have been installed on the grounds, improving the Sanitary Conditions.

We have also tried to beautify our school ground, altho no school ground equipment has been secured, we have equipment has been secured. We have in time to come, may allow us to say: "a thing of beauty is a joy forever."

Last, but not least, among our improvements is that our membership of the Improvement Association has increased, and everyone seems to have taken new interest in the welfare of the school and community.

Myrtle Stubbes,

Principal Mt. Calvary School., Sec. Improvement Association.



A Student of the Dalcho Adult School.



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Dalcho School.

Years ago Dalcho was one of the best known schools in the surrounding country. He star rose and began to descend, but before that star set, community pride awoke and began to draw it back to its original position.

In nineteen hundred eighteen, the patrons and trustees became so thoroughly dissatisfied with the limited lot and inadequate old building that definite steps were taken toward the purchase of a new lot and the erection of a new building. Owing to scarcity of material and lack of labor work progressed slowly, but the spring of nineteen hundred and nineteen found teachers and pupils occupying the best district rural school building in Dillon County.

The slate covered building is brick veneer with all exterior wood-work white. Broad concrete steps lead upon a porch adorned with four stately white columns. Wide double doors open into a spacious hall from which one has access to three class rooms, the principal's office, the library and two side porches. Following the way the steps lead and turning to the right, one enters an attractive auditorium with a seating capacity of four hundred. The stage is furnished with a crex rug, quartered oak table and chairs, while the

auditorium proper is furnished with oak seats and heated by a jacketed stove. Opposite the auditorium is a room built for a class room when growth demands another, but now fitted with tables and dishes to be used at entertainments.

The interior wood work throughout the entire building is stained green. This blends pleasingly with walls that shade from chocolate brown through tan to a canary ceiling. Each recitation room is furnished with single desks, hydropate boards, globe, maps, heater, and the best tan draper shades procurable.

For two winters, night schools have been held for adults. The first school was taught by the day school teachers, but last winter a special teacher was employed. The enrollment was twenty-five, an increase of ten pupils over the former year. When commencement was held, twenty-five dollars was awarded to several fortunate contestants.

Miss Sellers and Mr. Epps have thriving clubs in their respective lines of work. One of Dalcho's pupils won the trip to Winthrop this summer for creditable work in canning.

The school Improvement Association has been very active for the past two years. Last year it was awarded prizes by the state for new building, raising greatest amount of money in

the county, and holding monthly meetings. This year it was awarded two—one for regular meetings and the other a major prize of fifty dollars for sanitary improvement. This means that Dalcho is the only school in the state that in one year installed Septic tanks, had children examined by nurse, kept floors oiled, and provided outdoor games for children.

Dalcho fosters school efficiency, community spirit, and loyalty to county school officers. As she is now better equipped for service than ever before, may she render service unequalled. Let her fulfill the mission of a real school for the most progressive wide-awake people of Dillon County.

The Printer's Peril.

When one will remember that in an ordinary column there are 10,000 pieces of type, that there are seven wrong positions that a letter may be put in, and there are 70,000 chances to make errors, millions of chances for transpositions, he will not be too critical. In this sentence, "To be or not to be," by transpositions alone it is possible to make 2,758,022 errors. So you can see the perils that beset a printer.—The Life Bouy.

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